

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
May 16, 2005
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Ms. Ann Hunnicutt
Mr. Jack Loeb
Mr. Eric Mays
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Carlos Sol
Mr. Doug Thomas
Mr. Ken Thompson
Mr. Ed Whitmore

Members Absent

Ms. Betty Ann Davis

Call to Order

Mr. Ken Thompson, Vice Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Stephen Calhoun of the Department's Policy Office. Mr. Calhoun reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no one requesting to address the Board at this meeting, so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Report of the Codes
and Standards Committee

Mr. Tom Fleury, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, reported on the morning meeting of the Committee. Mr. Fleury reported that issues raised during the public comment period for proposed regulations were considered by the Committee. A motion was made to approve the actions taken by the Committee on these issues and for the Committee to continue its deliberations on

proposed code changes during the June 20, 2005 Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Fleury reported on a proposal to add fire protection inspectors to those fields requiring a certificate of competence. The Committee recommended such action and a motion was made to approve certificate of competence requirements for fire protection inspectors. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Fleury reviewed names and backgrounds of individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Building Code Academy Advisory Committee recommended by the Committee. A motion was made to appoint/reappoint these individuals for four year terms expiring on December, 31, 2008. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. A copy of these appointments is attached to and made a part of these minutes as the Appendix.

Mr. Fleury reported that the Committee recommended appointment of Mr. Mark Terlep to fill a vacant position on the Amusement Device Technical Advisory Committee for a four-year term expiring March 31, 2009. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Terlep. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Report of the Community
Development Committee

Mr. Doug Thomas, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, reported on the morning meeting of the Committee. Mr. Thomas reported that the Committee considered provisions for the Enterprise Zone Program Emergency Regulation presented by Department staff. A motion was made to adopt the Enterprise Zone Emergency Regulation recommended by the Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Mr. Thomas also reported on the Committee recommendation to file the Notice of Intent for Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Program Regulations that will ultimately replace the emergency regulation. A motion was made to approve the NOIRA. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), reported on the

recent VHDA Board retreat. Ms. Dewey reported on the new REACH initiative that will target resources to difficult to reach areas. Ms. Dewey also provided an update on the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

Virginia Fire Services
Board Report

Mr. Dennis Mitchell reported on the recent Virginia Fire Service Board (VFSB) meeting held in Bristol, Virginia. Mr. Mitchell also reported on grants provided. The next meeting of the VFSB will be held on June 4, 2005.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, provided an update on the 2005 Action Plan approved by the Board. The Plan was submitted to HUD. Mr. Shelton and Mr. Calhoun reported on a letter to Congress sent by the Board expressing concern over proposed federal budget amendments reducing CDBG funding. Mr. Shelton provided an update on Virginia Works efforts and upcoming CDBG award announcements.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None

Board Matters

Mr. Fleury spoke of the need to have federal homeland security efforts integrated with state building or fire prevention code efforts. Mr. Fleury also spoke of workforce housing and the need for a state process for using available excess land for workforce development.

Ms. Ellen Robertson spoke of gentrification and the potential loss of affordable housing in urban areas of Virginia. Ms. Robertson stated there is a need to monitor trends toward urban gentrification.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 26, 2005 in Richmond. The Codes and Standards Committee will meet on June 20, 2005 in Richmond.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Appendix

**Building Code Academy Advisory Committee
Appointments and Reappointments
2005**

Most Building Code Academy Advisory Committee member terms have expired requiring the Board of Housing and Community Development to either make reappointments or new appointments. The new terms are for four year that would expire December 31, 2008.

Mr. Dean Fortney- Fairfax Code Academy- Reappointment
Mr. Ray Jackson- Prince William Code Academy- Reappointment
Mr. Harold Kelly- Association of Building Contractors- Reappointment
Mr. L. David Maupin, Jr.- Plumbing and Mechanical Professionals of Virginia- New
Mr. Mike Toalson- Homebuilders Association of Virginia- Reappointment
Mr. Hugh Cross- Virginia Association of Realtors- Reappointment
Mr. Michael Thuot- Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association- New
Mr. John McGrann- Virginia Society-AIA- Reappointment
Mr. Terry Moore- International Association of Electrical Inspectors- Reappointment
Mr. Mark Ingrao- Apartment and Building Owners Association- Reappointment
Mr. Stan Massie- Virginia Cross Connection Association- Reappointment
Mr. Dave Diamantes- Virginia Fire Prevention Association- New
Mr. Jim Messersmith, Virginia Structural Engineering Council, Reappointment.

Mr. Roger Robertson, representing the Virginia Building Code Officials Association, was appointed to a BCAAC seat at the Board's January 2005 meeting.